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MOTHER AND CHILD KIDNAPPED.

WOMAN SOLD IN CHINESE TERRITORY.

Two men appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of kidnapping a widow and her son the day after their arrival in the Colony from the Sun Wu District in December last.

According to the evidence, the widow and her three year old child were brought from the country to Hongkong by the woman's mother, on the suggestion of a friend in Hongkong who had promised to find employment for the two women. On arrival they were introduced to Chan Ngau, the second defendant, who was to take the younger of the women to find work. In turn the second defendant introduced her to the first and they both took her and her son to a tea house, and then went by train to an unknown destination.

In Chinese territory the woman was sold as a concubine and lived there for some five months. In the meantime her mother was searching for her in Hongkong and, after having found the second defendant, demanded the return of her daughter, but without avail. The mother subsequently made a report to the Police, and on the two defendants being found in Hongkong they were arrested. The hearing was adjourned.

A SCHOOL CONCERT.

KING'S COLLEGE PUPILS' BRIGHT ENTERTAINMENT.

A concert organized by the pupils of King's College and in which the musical attainments of a number were convincingly demonstrated to a large gathering, had its venue at the College Hall last evening. The occasion was in the nature of a reunion of pupils and parents, it was explained by Mr. A. Morris, the Headmaster, in consequence of which the capacity of the hall, spacious as it was, was taxed to overflowing.

The programme commenced with a selection given by a Chinese orchestra formed by a number of the students, following which Chiu Put-wai and Lau Chung-kwong gave a piano duet which was much applauded. Lo Hung-hing contributed a violin solo, his rendering of "Souvenir" being one of the features of the evening. An English play entitled "A Night at the Inn" and a Chinese comedy entitled "The Concert," the latter conceived by Chan Tak-chin, were warmly received.

The trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice," revealed evidence of much preparation and taken by the pupils and their tutors. Mr. G. Sims, who directed the Shakespearean production, is to be congratulated on the success which attended his efforts.

Credit is also due to Miss Langley, who was responsible for the costuming, and to Miss Eleanor Thom who looked after the get-up of the other plays.

ADULTERATED MILK.

FORTY PER CENT. OF WATER DISCOVERED.

Appearing before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, on a summons for having sold on May 6 milk which was not of the nature, substance or quality demanded, to the prejudice of the purchaser, Mr. G. D. Reid, a Chinese, Fred Li-hing, was fined \$150.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, who prosecuted, said that there was forty per cent. of water in the milk, and it was a serious matter if milk of this adulteration were taken by children or invalids.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, appearing for the defence, said that the defendant dealt with the Tung Fo dairy, who supplied him with the milk. He was not aware that it was adulterated. He asked that this fact be taken into consideration in the sentence.

PEDDER STREET INCIDENT.

SOLDIERS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Hearing of the assault charge against Privates P. J. Brain and H. James, of the South Wales Borderers, was commenced before Mr. Williams, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Outlining the case, Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., said that on the night of May 6, two Chinese detectives were out on patrol in Pedder Street, when they encountered a party of three Europeans dressed in civilian attire. Without any reason that was apparent, one of the detectives was slapped while his companion was also struck in the chest, the man who was alleged to have carried out these two assaults being described as the shorter of the two defendants now in Court, Private Brain.

A whistle was blown, and in running away the defendants were arrested by other police, one of whom said he saw the detective Chan Kiu being kicked as he lay prostrate on the ground. A Chinese woman, who turned up at the Police Station later, also said she saw the assault, but denied having spoken to any of the Europeans prior to the incident.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. Isaac Newton was the first witness called. He deposed that Chan Kiu was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital in a semi-conscious condition, restless and vomiting, on one occasion, a streak of blood. He continued to be in a drowsy condition until May 7 when, in addition, he showed signs of cerebral irritation. He began to show improvement on May 18, and now behaved quite rationally and to all outward appearances, fit.

The patient had some severe cerebral injury the exact nature of which witness could not determine. It had affected his memory so far as the incident in which he received this injury was concerned, although his memory as regards past and recent events appeared to be normal. The detective would not be fit for work until the end of the next month, and he would not be able to appear in the Court until then.

A Very Thin Man.

In reply to Mr. Murphy, witness said he could observe no external bruises or other marks of injury. The patient however, complained to him of headaches and pains in the back. An X-Ray examination failed to reveal any bone injuries in the skull or spine. When first admitted, he was in no position to make a reply to any questions that witness would have put. He was a thin man, much thinner than he should have been, and he was even thinner now.

In conversation he appeared to be normal, except when questioned in regard to the incident and then his memory became indistinct. That much was told witness by those who had endeavoured to question him in regard to the facts of the present case. Such partial loss of memory was quite common, declared Dr. Newton.

A Difficult Case.

In reply to Mr. D. B. Evans (for the defence), Dr. Newton said that as far as he could ascertain, there were no marks on the head. Most probably the injury was concussion to a portion of the spinal cord. As he had already said, the exact character of the injury was very difficult to determine. A jar might have caused the injury located it might be where the brain joined up with the spinal cord. They were dealing with a closed box as it were, and it was difficult to ascertain what the exact nature of the injury was.

Witness agreed that the injury might have been caused by the man falling on the back of his head without leaving any bruise or other marks. There was no

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sign of a kick having been administered, and no teeth were broken. The point was, that it did not require a very great blow on such a small man to produce cerebral injuries.

Unprovoked Assault.

Lui Luk, who was the other detective accompanying Chan Kiu on patrol, on the evening in question, said they were walking under the verandah at Pedder Street when they encountered three Europeans coming from the opposite direction. The shortest of the three—witness identified him as Pte. Brain—was walking in front of the other two, and it was Brain who, without any reason that was apparent to him, slapped him in the face. As he staggered into the roadway holding his head, he saw Chan Kiu also being assaulted by Brain who struck him a blow in the chest. Chan Kiu dropped to the ground.

Witness blew his whistle while endeavouring to lift Chan Kiu up. He later saw Brain again as he was brought back by another constable. He could not identify James as having been amongst the party of three he saw before the incident. Chan Kiu was not able to speak after witness had returned to his side.

The case was adjourned.

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We cannot say whether this is done in the best of circles, but the photograph was taken on the tennis courts at the University of Washington recently.



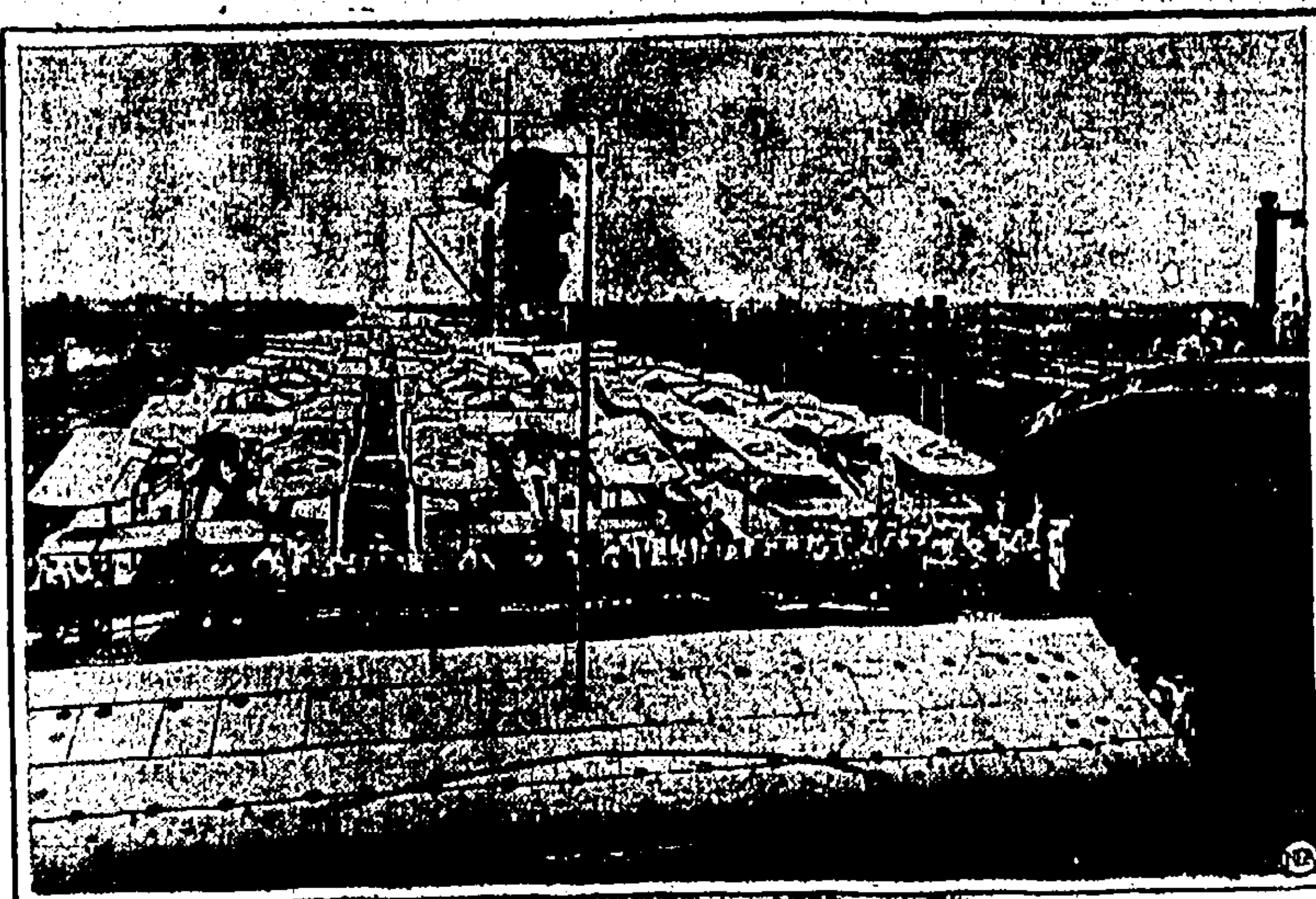
Official sanction to salmon angling was given when Oregon's governor, Julius L. Meier, joined a party on the Willamette near Oregon City. Governor Meier, wearing a beret, landed two good sized salmon during the day.



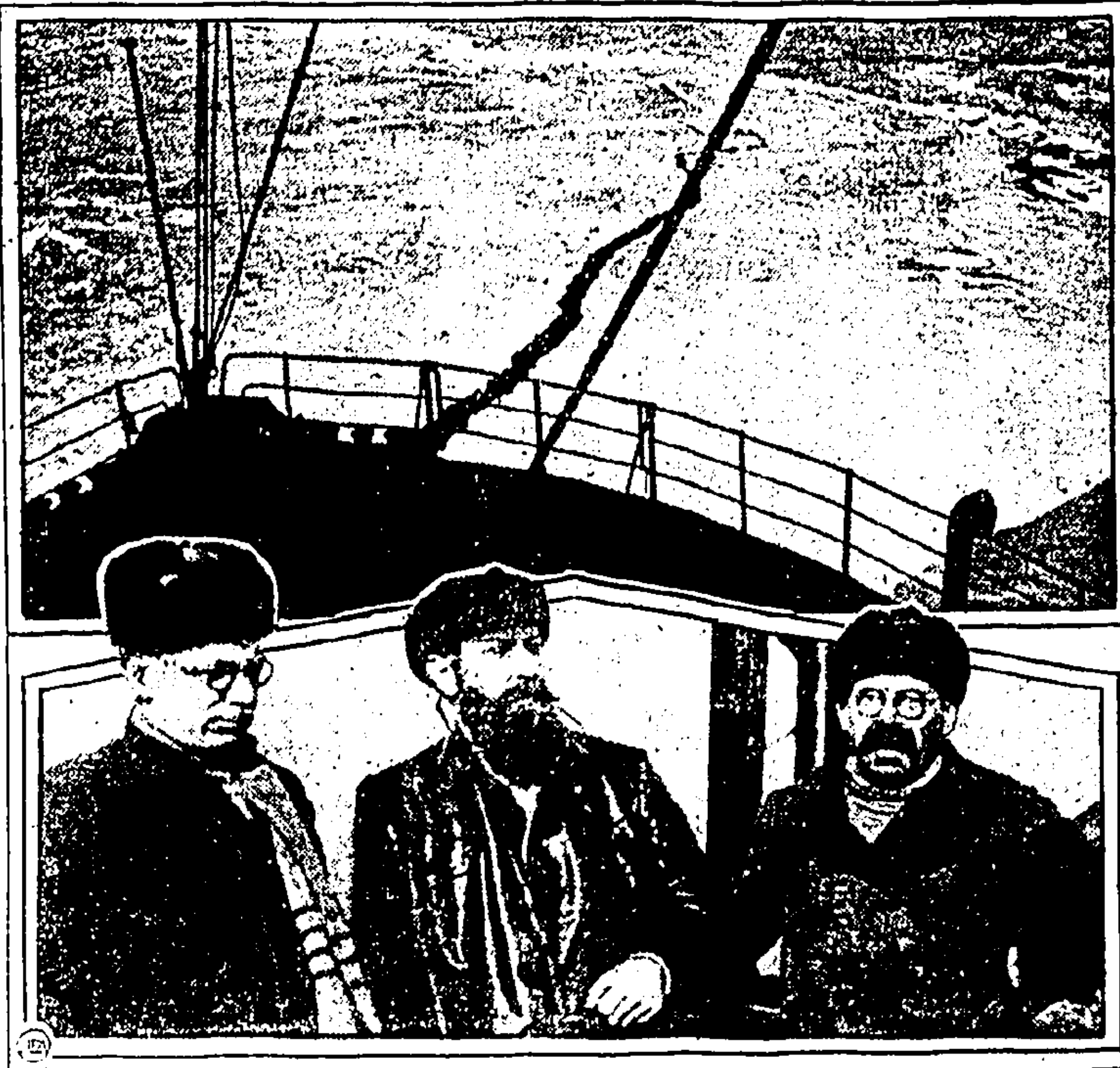
A regulation has just been passed requiring all Government servants in Mexico to supply their finger prints. Our photo shows President Rubio conforming to the ruling at the Controller's Office.



Dr. Wilson Wade, of Cullen Lepor Colony, shown above, second from left, when he paid a visit to the famous Hongkew Clinic.



With its sides almost scraping, the aeroplane carrier Lexington of the U. S. Navy, loaded with swift scouting planes, is shown above as it passed through a lock in the Panama canal.



A travel cruise into the Arctic is scheduled to start from Archangel next month! Tourists will be "shown around" by three noted Russian explorers, shown above, right to left, Prof. Vize, Prof. Schmidt, and Prof. Samoilovitch. Upper picture shows the prow of the icebreaker Maligin, which will carry wealthy seekers after adventure.



The formal opening of the grounds and club-house of the newly formed Association Sportive Francaise took place in Shanghai recently. More than 300 people were present. Above photo shows some of the official guests.



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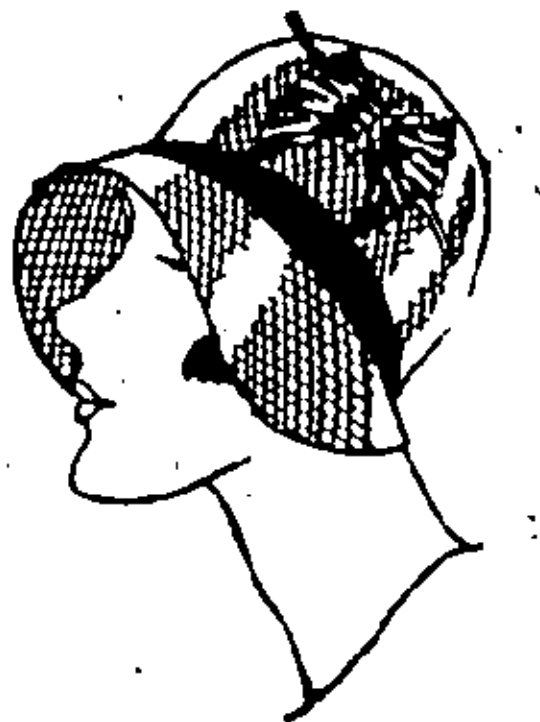
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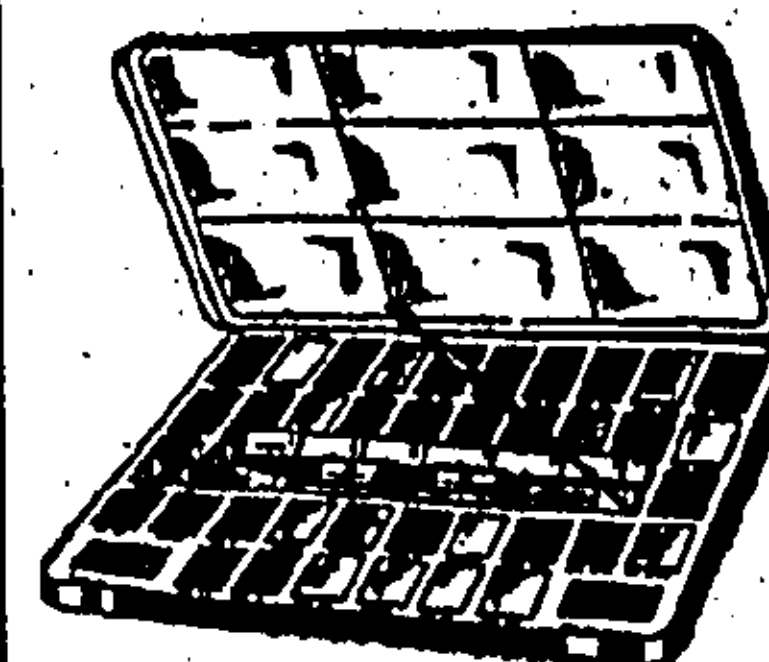
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be Closed from 8th June, 1931 to 17th June, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

A. W. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1931.

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By Order of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1931.

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By Order of the Board,

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Hongkong, 1st June, 1931.

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The Seventh Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 6th June, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5. for Gentlemen and \$3. for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts etc.

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Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men & will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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In Accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the Transaction of Public Business on Wednesday, the 3rd June, (The Birthday of His Majesty the King).

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1. Motor cars conveying officials to the ceremony at the Cenotaph will be stopped at the junction of Des Voeux Road, Central, and Jackson Road where the occupants will alight. The cars will then be sent to Chater Road, West of the Statue, to park there.

2. From 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. motor omnibuses and lorries travelling along Caine Road in an Easterly direction will be diverted by way of Arbuthnot Road, Hollywood Road, Lyndhurst Terrace and Wellington Street to Queen's Road Central and Blake Pier via Pedder Street. From the lower levels to upper levels these vehicles will travel by way of Pedder Street, Queen's Road Central and Ice House Street.

3. From 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. motor omnibuses and lorries travelling East along Queen's Road West will be diverted by way of Bonham Strand West, Morrison Street and Des Voeux Road, Central.

4. Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon vehicles will not be permitted to park in Connaught Road Central between Pedder Street and Murray Road; Chater Road, East of Queen's Statue; Wardley Street, North of Queen's Statue and in Jackson Road.

5. No vehicular traffic will be permitted in Connaught Road Central between Pedder Street and Murray Road between the above hours.

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Inspector General of Police.
Hongkong, 2nd June, 1931.

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The Fiftieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 17th June, 1931, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th June to 1st July, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

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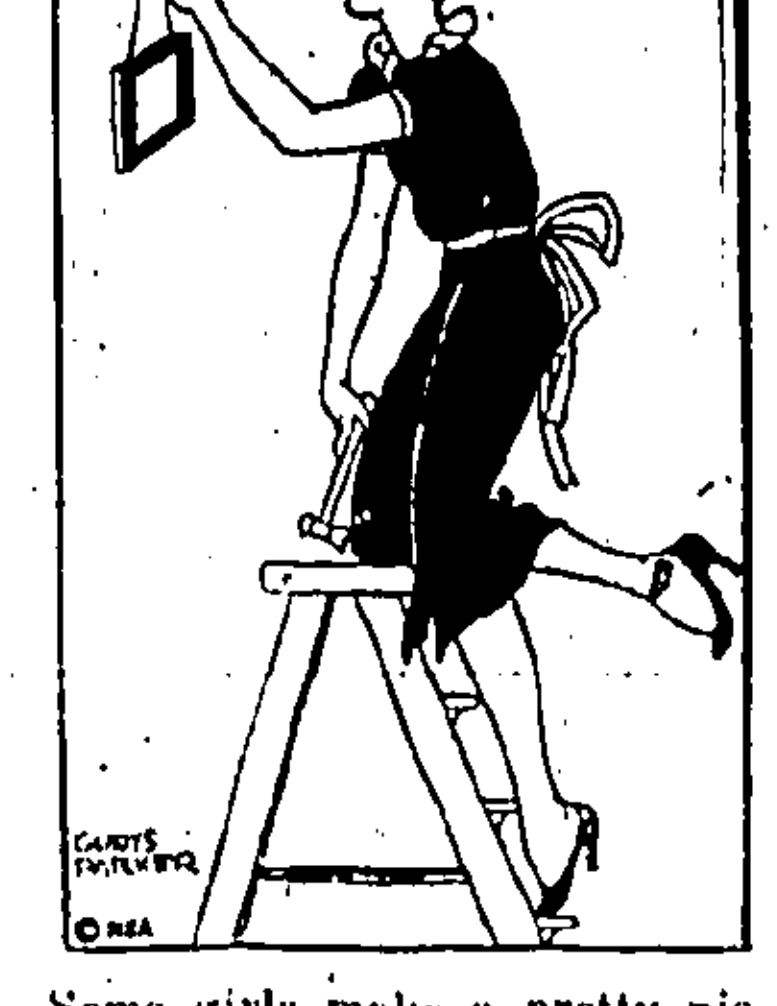
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Hongkong, 2nd June, 1931.



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There will be no collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary Correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

RADIO NOTICES.

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Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Cremier	June 3.
Amoy and Swatow	Pres. Wilson	June 4.
Hai (San Francisco, 8th May.)	Sydney Maru	June 4.
Japan		
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)		
London, 7th May and parcels, 30th April	Kashgar	June 4.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 16th May)	Pres. Jefferson	June 5.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashmir	June 5.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjilatjap	June 7.
Manilla	Taiyo Maru	June 7.
Shanghai	Sarpedon	June 9.
Japan and Shanghai	Porthos	June 9.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B. C., 23rd May)	Emps. of Canada	June 12.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Straits and Calcutta	Tacoma Maru	Tues., June 2, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Tues., June 2, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Borneo	Tues., June 2, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Yat Shing	Wed., June 3, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Wed., June 3, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Nanning	Wed., June 3, 9 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	Thurs., June 4, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Kwaiyang	Thurs., June 4, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremier	Thurs., June 4, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., June 4, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	Thurs., June 4, 3.30 p.m.
*Manilla, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Sydney Maru	Thurs., June 4, 3.30 p.m.
	Parcels	3.00 p.m.
	Registrations	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5.00 p.m.
	(Due Brisbane, 18th June.)	
Manilla	Pres. Wilson	Thurs., June 4, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B. C. and *Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Asia	Fri., June 5, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	June 4, 5 p.m.
	Registration	June 5, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	10.00 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B. C., 22nd June.)	
Amoy	Tjilatjap	Fri., June 5, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	Fri., June 5, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashmir	Sat., June 6, 10 a.m.
	K. P. O.	
	Parcels	June 5, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	June 6, 9 a.m.
	Letters	June 6, 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	June 5, 5 p.m.
	Registration	June 6, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	June 6, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 6th July.)	
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiungchow	Sat., June 6, 12.30 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Cheong Shing	Sat., June 6, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Sun., June 7, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., June 7, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Mon., 8.10 a.m.
	Parcels	1.00 p.m.
	Letters	

Saigon, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *East and *South Africa, Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles

Registration 10 a.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 12.45 p.m.
Letters 1.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, 11th July.)

*Shanghai, *Japan, *Honolulu and *San Francisco

Taiyo Maru ..Tues., June 9, 8.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco, 3rd July.)

Manilla and Java via Sourabaya ..Tjilatjap ..Tues., June 9, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..Haiching ..Tues., June 9, 1.00 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles ..Sarpedon ..Wed., June 10, 1.00 p.m.

Registration 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles, 9th July.)

*Superscribed Correspondence only.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2025 sa.
Chartered Bank \$12 1/4 a.
Mercantile A. and B., \$21 1/4 n.
East Asia \$125 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,485 b.
Union Ins., \$830 sa.
China Underwriters, \$5.80 b.
China Fires, \$675 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1365 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$24 1/2 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$28 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 b.
Union Waterboats, \$27.75 b.

Mining.

Benguets \$9 1/4 n.
Kallang, 30/6 n.
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WOMEN'S WORLD

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FASHION NOTES.

Popular Cotton Frocks.

For evening the cotton frock is the "darling" of the Paris *couture*. The dress-makers are showing hundreds of different kinds of organdi, dotted Swiss, and silver cycle embroidered muslin evening frocks made of natural-coloured flesh muslin, as thin as organdi. And, would you believe it, there are evening dresses of white cambric? These are usually trimmed with cambric frills, the frills edged in pastel colours. After the cotton evening frock comes the lace dress, made of silk, artificial silk, or linen lace, and in tiny, medium, and very large patterns.

There are thousands of chiffon frocks, plain or printed, and the satin dress are legion. Tulle and faille frocks are also good.

When a printed chiffon frock is worn, the large leaf-print is newer and smarter than the floral print. With your evening dress you will wear a contrasting waist-length wrap, a sort of jacket, and the bolero, with wide, short, Japanese sleeves is a good type; or you may like to wear a two-thirds length satin coat, or choose one of the new short capes that are banded with fur at the hip-line. White fur—imitation if you can't afford real—is revived for trimmings and separate scarves.

Hats have bindings and trimmings of patent leather. Shoes are very high over the instep, reminiscent of those our ancestors wore in the days of Charles I. and Charles II.

TABULATING TASTES.

Someone has made a suggestion that married couples might find it amusing to tabulate their qualities and tastes in order to show how much or how little they have in common.

Even though undertaken merely as a pastime, such a laying-bare and comparison of one's real preferences, prejudices, abilities, and disabilities, could hardly fail to result in an increase of harmony, one imagines, between any two people living together.

Few people would be so selfish or tyrannical as systematically to inflict upon another unwanted and unnecessary restraints, but how can any companionship fail to improve occasionally unwanted entertainment, duties, food, or friends, unless the tastes of each are clearly known to the other?

It might be argued that the time when such a comparison should be made is not after marriage but before, but when people are in love it is amazing how they can delude themselves into believing that it will be the easiest thing in the world to transform themselves or the loved one into a totally different personality, so that the need to consider seriously such questions as differences of temperament and tastes does not appear then to be important.

Evening jackets of brightly coloured tulle or lace, patterned in filigree, are one of the new contributions to the glittering mode of evening. Over black evening gowns they are most effective.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Of the Flattering Type.

A well-known London photographer, I see, announces that he never photographs women.

This, according to his own statement, is not because the average man is more clever or more interesting than the average woman, but simply because he finds that his work can be more sincere if he deals only with men clients.

Women, it seems, invariably want to be shown not as they really are, but as they would like to be.

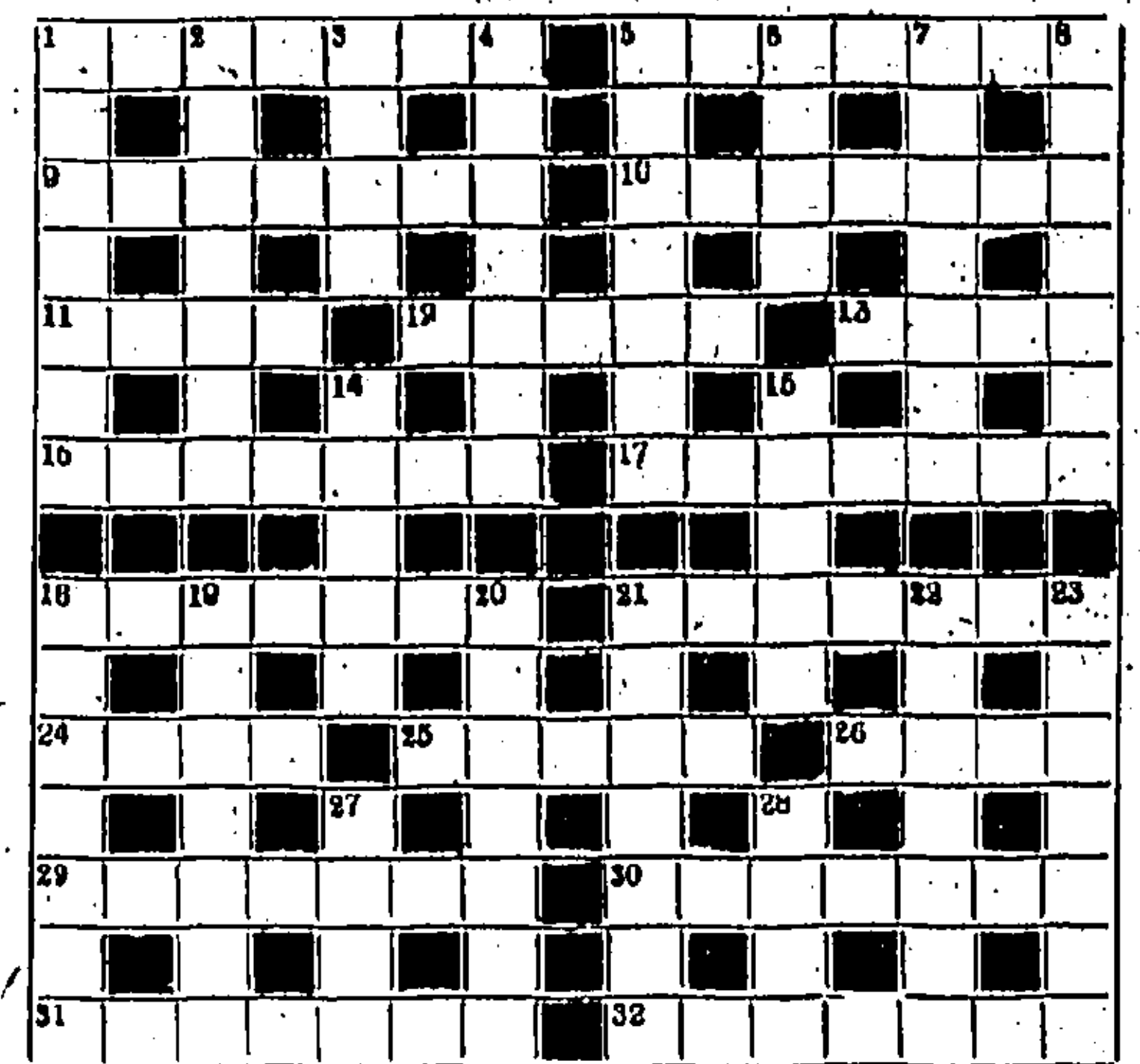
And who can blame them? Even the best photographer must grant that a photograph cannot be in any case a perfect reproduction of the sitter, and if a woman has to choose between a picture that makes the best of her and one which places stark and unadorned facts before the photographer's mind but not to hers, she will certainly, in nine cases out of ten, choose the first.

Even Memory, after a very short time, will not reproduce as exactly as we are. Why not assist her to the kind of picture which we like ourselves?—H.M. In *Exchange*.

GOLF BALL CLOCK.

The craze for miniature golf has inspired many novelties. A new clock is conceived in a golf ball of standard size; the cover is of white composition with the familiar markings. The clock can be carried about in a pocket or arranged to stand on a table.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 This is quite a blessing.
- 5 This sounds like the tale of a pig.
- 6 Get information from the family about the gourd, by all means.
- 10 "Beg rice," but you won't find it in India (anag.).
- 11 A Scottish island.
- 12 Precious stone.
- 13 A Frenchman would not find this in the least unbearable.
- 16 May be seen now and again in an old window, but if you go out and I go in there are hundreds of hundreds.
- 17 Keep back and squeeze out again.
- 18 We must enquire into this and see where we get our coal.
- 21 Here a body of troops encompasses a Russian town in bed. It is true the bed is not made.
- 24 One of the coming horses.
- 25 This clue, I'm afraid, must prove an offence to the solver, but he won't have to go far for a glass of wine as a restorative.
- 29 You can't say, "This is rich."
- 29 Pertaining to a soothsayer.
- 30 Thoroughly warm the young woman, and seek her on the bonny mountain-side.
- 31 These—whose duty it is to test the quality of food—would appear to have indulged in a floral-cultural meal.
- 32 Sounds like a bit of a fuss, but it all depends on the saddle.

Down

- 1 Religious ceremony.
- 2 I'm going up in this, but it's not real.
- 3 Be careful—for this will leave you.
- 4 This figure has a lot of side.

- 5 An artisan stretches between a big boat and a little one.
- 6 A catch in parts.
- 7 The age is, divided about, the girl in this mean quantity.
- 8 These are one result of tale-telling.
- 14 A colour associated with anger.
- 15 May be cleaved or split.
- 18 This is, to a great extent, melodious, and, taken altogether, it will delight the senses.
- 19 It is, of course, impossible for anything to be nothing but edges, whatever anyone asserts.
- 20 Breathes out.
- 21 The God of wine.
- 22 With a couple of full-stops, a player in most lawn tennis tournaments.
- 23 Earning which has to fall at last.
- 27 A growing concern with many branches.
- 28 Wise men.

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E C S W A I N L M I
R O U S E R E E M B E E
G T O R I S E U E
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Yesterday's Solution

Starting at the middle "H" in the third row of circles from the top, and following the line all the way to the R, in the left hand, lower corner, you will spell out, "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour."

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13/1 Goyescas t. and o.
22/1 Jacopo, Sandwich t. and o.
25/1 Revellon, Sir Andrew t. and o.
33/1 Link Boy t. and o.
40/1 Shell Transport t. and o.
40/1 Rose on Sololi o. 50/1 t.
40/1 Estate Duty, Zanzoff o.
45/1 Coldstream t. and o.
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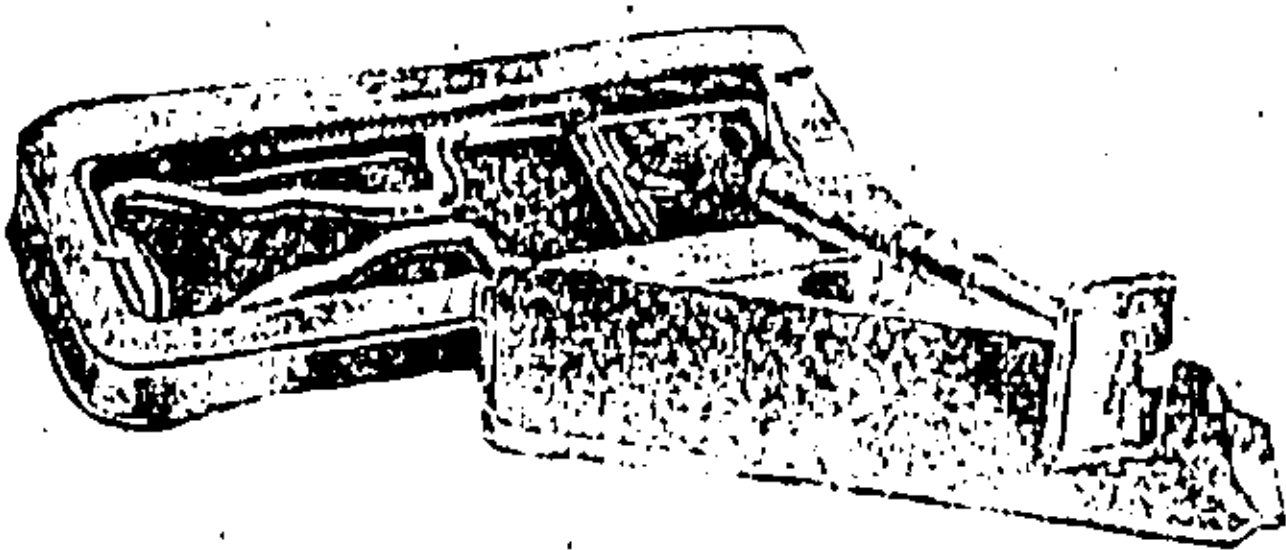
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DEATH.

LOPES.—On June 1, 1931, Leopoldo L. Lopes, formerly of Chinese Maritime Customs. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. (Shanghai and Macau papers please copy.)

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1931.

THE SWEEPSTAKE CRAZE.

Whilst very many people will be with the Prime Minister in bemoaning the fact that, in times like the present, millions of pounds should be spent in England on sweepstakes, the fact remains that an issue has thereby been raised which will have to be faced. On moral and other grounds, we may deplore the position, but that does not get over the fact that people will indulge in this form of gambling. The prospects of big prizes of course, provide the attraction, and people who are not by any means confirmed gamblers will risk a few shillings in the hope of gaining great wealth. This is, after all, human nature. If the full facts could be disclosed, it would probably be found that the subscribers to the Irish Derby Sweep include practically every class of people, not excluding churchgoers or others who might be expected to have scruples in the matter of wholesale gambling. Moreover, the great majority of these people would probably scout any suggestion that they are doing anything wrong or particularly reprehensible.

An attempt was made a few days ago to introduce a Bill in the House of Commons authorising the raising of money by lotteries for the support of British hospitals, but the House refused permission for the introduction of the measure. Thus we have a position in which financially-starved English hospitals are shut out from receiving money from such a source, whilst Irish institutions flourish on English money. This matter has been the subject of a great deal of comment at Home lately, and it has been suggested that a Select Committee might be appointed to deal with the whole question of lotteries and sweepstakes. This may not be the best way of tackling the subject, but it is obvious that a lead of some kind is needed. The attempts by Mr. Clynes to suppress participation in the Free State Derby sweepstake have shown how strong are the currents of opinion which he has set himself to combat. The tickets which he had threatened to

seize at the ports have even been flaunted in his face in the House of Commons. With three departments of State—the Home Office, the Post Office, and the Customs—busily manufacturing criminals, and with magistrates all over the country giving contrary decisions as to what is legal, the law is being thoroughly brought into contempt. As one writer has remarked, we do not want this question of gambling to become the bugbear that Prohibition has proved itself in America.

The concern of the Government over the sweepstake craze would be more fully appreciated if the law absolutely and rigorously set itself against gambling in any form, but when revenue is derived from bets on horse-racing, it becomes difficult to understand the Premier's righteous indignation. Moreover, raffles and innumerable competitions so popular at Home are just sheer gambling, and yet no effort is made to suppress these schemes for catching the public's money. To the ordinary man, the most sensible way of dealing with the question would be to recognise that people will speculate and to divert their inclinations into desirable channels. The premium bond system, so much favoured on the Continent, might well be introduced in Britain and prove an extremely fruitful source of income to the Government. The trouble is, however, not so much that there is any inherent objection to this form of raising money, but that any political Party which put forward the plan would have to face the prospect of losing the votes of narrow-minded electors of the type of those who have come into prominence in connexion with the Sunday cinema issue. Some sanity of outlook, based on a recognition of facts, and a little less cant, would seem to be needed.

The Drug Traffic.

A workable agreement at the international drug conference now proceeding at Geneva, depends almost entirely upon the willingness of the countries chiefly interested to accept production quotas. In one direction, success is practically assured. The manufacturers of cocaine have already tentatively agreed to a definite limit upon exports. The bigger problem, that dealing with opium and its derivatives, remains. Hitherto, in spite of lengthy preliminary discussions, no signs have been forthcoming of readiness to accept quotas for the export of morphia and other derivatives of the poppy, the principal difficulty being the opposition offered by Japan, Persia and Turkey. There is no sign that opinions have undergone any marked change since the suggested quota figures created a babble of discord some months ago, and the outlook is not very promising. Yet, if any plan is to succeed, it must commend itself to all the signatories, and even the non-signatories, without reservation. Otherwise nothing can be done to curb the drug traffic. All that happens when the tightening of restrictions in any one country begins to have its effect is that the nefarious trade moves to another country where the Government is less strict. The example of the development of huge factories in Constantinople is a case in point. Before France, Switzerland, Holland and Germany began to keep a careful check upon exports, Turkey was out of the main field. A few months ago she offered the biggest problem from an international viewpoint, and even now she ranks fourth in the list of countries manufacturing opium derivatives. Japan's attitude is also typical. She declares officially that she takes no part in drug exporting, but is not prepared to tie herself down to restrictive figures on the ground that she sees no reason why manufacture for export should be confined to those countries already engaged in the trade. The argument is reasonable enough in a general way, but it does not help to provide a solution to the world problem. Then again Japan might very well question whether there will ever be a solution until the root problem, the cultivation of the poppy, is tackled.

DAY BY DAY

THE ONLY FREEDOM THAT DESERVES THE NAME, IS THAT OF PURSUING OUR OWN GOOD IN OUR WAY, SO LONG AS WE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DEPRIVE OTHERS OF THEIRS.—John Stuart Mill.

The P. & O. s.s. Rajputana, from Hongkong, arrived at London on 29th May at 4 a.m.

The annual ordinary general meeting of the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on Monday, June 15.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., advertise that the ninth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders will be held at Exchange Building, on Wednesday, June 17, at noon.

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens during May totalled 14.32 inches. Falls were recorded on 21 days, the highest being 4.42 inches on the 19th. Two inches fell on the 24th and 2.84 inches on the 31st.

A notification issued by the Inspector General of Police with regard to the traffic arrangements which will be enforced during the ceremony at the Cenotaph on the occasion of H. M. The King's Birthday Review is published in this issue.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., advertise that all departments will be closed on Wednesday, June 3. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing department, will be opened for the dispensing of prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A report made to the police by Lai Li-shi, a married woman of 140, Wincham Road, states that at about 6 p.m. on Sunday she entrusted her private ricksha coolie with a sum of \$120 with which to pay certain debts but the coolie has disappeared with the money.

The body of a Chinese boatman was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary by the Water Police yesterday after having been found on a submerged sampan which had been moored to the Mongkok Ferry Wharf. The deceased, Chan Hoi-ling, 39 years of age, had apparently been drowned. He was blind, and his body has been identified by his wife.

In prosecuting a Chinese before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of the theft of a clock from one of the private bathing machines at North Point, Inspector Stimson, on the defendant admitting the charge, said the accused had been recently discharged from prison for stealing a quantity of sports gear from the swimming sheds in April last. The defendant was given two months' hard labour.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Hamilton, Revenue Officer Humphreys charged Fung Pak with possession of 42 tael of prepared opium at 84, Woosung Street. On admitting the charge, the man was fined \$250 or three months' imprisonment. The same officer charged Yin Shing and Chan Sing with possession of 8.6 and 35 taels of raw opium at Mongkok Road and 105, Woosung Street, respectively. They were fined \$250 or two months' and \$1,050 or six months' respectively.

Hongkong estate amounting to \$1,400, with net personally elsewhere totalling £10,933 10s. 4d., was left by the late Mr. John Herbert Whitehorn, manufacturing jeweller, of Messrs. Whitehorn Brothers, Limited, who died at The Corner House, Chesterford Gardens, Hampstead, Middlesex, on September 27, 1930. Re-sealing of certified copy of probate of the will and codicil has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, who is attorney for the executors. The will contains family bequests.

The Tongue of the Law.

By Sir EDWARD PARRY.

IT IS REPORTED from the Old Bailey that when an interpreter was about to be sworn to take the evidence of a French witness the judge intervened with the question: "When you go into the Bodega and order drinks do you order them in English?" The witness replied in the affirmative, whereupon the judge decreed that he was to answer the questions put to him in English. I dare say that is good law. St. Paul said: "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let one interpret." He thought that only in that way could evidence be given "decently and in order." But this is not the Common Law. In ancient days indictments were read to illiterate citizens in Latin, pleadings were drafted in Law French; modern statutes are often incomprehensible—even to judges. The law still continues to speak to us in an unknown tongue and no one has a right to have it properly interpreted.

The rights of a foreign witness in an alien Court are obscure. Here in England he must do as the judge orders. If the only English phrase he happens to know is, "Another glass of sherry wine, please," he must make that answer to any question put to him. I know no law entitling a witness, either native or foreign, to demand that a question of counsel should be either sensible or comprehensible. On the other hand a criminal foreigner in the dock is entitled to have things interpreted to him.

The fact is that, to quote the late Sergeant Arabin, "this matter bristles with pitfalls as an egg is full of meat." Not only must a foreigner reply to questions in English when told to do so, but it is a conclusive presumption of English law that foreigners are acquainted with all its intricacies. These things must seem to many of our visitors to savour of "discourtesy" rather than "presumption."

The notion that if you can order drinks in a foreign tongue you can understand the interrogatory of an Attorney-General requires the consideration of the League of Nations. The position of the teetotaler must be regularised. There must, I should fancy, be many Englishmen who could successfully demand *vinum edificantur* in France or *vino del peccato* in Italy, and yet fail to grasp the niceties of the question of a public prosecutor in the language of either country. The fact is that to give accurate evidence in any language—not excluding your native tongue—you require a mastery of that language that few of us attain.

Judges are apt to be impatient of evidence, and especially of evidence given in a foreign tongue. My own countrymen, the Welsh, though bi-lingual in many places, and therefore better linguists than the English, naturally prefer to give evidence in Welsh rather than in what to them is a foreign tongue. Old-fashioned judges who did not understand the psychology of perjury, believed that Welshmen asked for an interpreter for the purposes of evasion and deceit. A very learned judge who had recently been in the Welsh circuit told me he was convinced of this.

Knowing that he was a traveller and a linguist, I asked him, if he found himself in a French Court about to be cross-examined on a matter of grave importance by M. Labori, whether he would ask for an interpreter. After some hesitation he admitted that he probably would do so; but he still seemed to think my fellow countrymen very unreasonable folk. I suggested to him that English judges who sat in Wales should learn to speak and understand Welsh, at which he laughed heartily.

But nowadays County Court Judges in Welsh districts are nearly all conversant with the language, and as solicitors and witnesses are also Welsh speaking the proceedings are often carried on in the language of the inhabitants of the country. In modern Courts the prestige of the incomprehensible is not so much insisted upon as it was fifty years ago.

The best of judges and advocates will sometimes go astray because they do not understand the language of the market place or use a phrase which has a different interpretation in the mean streets to that which obtains in the Courts.

One of my learned brethren, who was trying a tangled case between two coar-se-monsters about the ownership of a donkey, when the time came for the adjournment nodded pleasantly to the litigants and said:

"Now, my men, I'm going to have my lunch, and before I come back I hope you'll settle your dispute out of court." On his return the plaintiff had a black eye, and the defendant, who had a bloody nose, spoke up cheerfully and said: "Well, your Honour, we've taken your Honour's advice; Tim's given me a damn good hiding and I've given him back his donkey."

As a general rule it is the judge who really needs the interpreter in the interests of justice. I had many Yiddish cases to try in Manchester. The parties brought their own interpreters, but they were far from reliable. In one of these cases a small scrap of paper turned up with a Yiddish inscription on it. One interpreter deciphered it as a receipt, and the other declared that it was an order for a new pair of boots. I adjourned the case and asked some friends on the Jewish Board of Guardians to send me an educated interpreter, which they did. Later on Lord Halsbury persuaded the Treasury to pay this gentleman a small fee. All properly equipped Courts should have a call on an official interpreter.

No judge can be expected to interpret all the tongues spoken before him. How many southerners could follow a crack about a horse deal in a public-house in Swaledale, or a scrap in Bolton's Yare about the Huddersfield "Lodger" game? I have often seen judges really puzzled by some of the idiomatic and racy language of ancient English lineage still in use in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Shee once wittily interpreted a Lancashire word at the request of Lord Coleridge. A witness, describing a verbal encounter which led up to an assault, said: "Then the defendant turned round and said if 'e didn't hold 'is noise 'e'd knock 'im off 'is blinkin' peark."

"Peark? Mr. Shee? what is meant by peark?" asked the Lord Chief Justice.

"Oh, peark, my Lord, is any position where a man elevates himself above his fellows—for instance, a bench, my Lord."

Indeed, it is when a human unit attains to the giddy dignity of an official "peark" that he has the peculiar need of the spirit of the interpreter, which, as St. Paul rightly told the Corinthians, is a condition precedent to a world intent on having "all things done decently and in order."

WATER LEVELS.

DETAILS FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	May	June
	31	1
West River at Shihung	2.8	0.4
North River at Taingyuen	11.9	13.3
North River at Samshui	9.8	9.9
East River at Samshui	7.2	8.5

The highest levels recorded are:—Shihung, 41 feet; Taingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.8 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui, and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.



"Imagine! Paying that doctor \$10 to have him tell me I don't walk right."

**STABBING DRAMA
IN YAUMATI.****WOMAN AND FOKI
IN HOSPITAL.****MURDER AND SUICIDE
ATTEMPT ALLEGED.****MOTIVE - MYSTERY.**

A mysterious stabbing affair is reported from the Yaumati District where the Police are engaged in seeking a motive for what was apparently an attempted murder followed by the attempted suicide of the alleged assailant.

At the moment only meagre details are available. The attack was made by a ruffian worker upon his employer for no apparent reason, although Police investigations may later reveal the motive.

Lau On-nam, who is described in the police report as a ruffian worker is stated to have made an attack on his employer, Yeung Sze-mui, aged 34, a married woman, and to have inflicted stab wounds to her back, necessitating her removal to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. The man used a ruffian worker's tool and, after wounding the woman, he attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself.

Stabbed in Back.

The persons concerned in the affair, Lau On-nam and the woman Yeung Sze-mui, both reside at 15, Wai Ching Street, in the Yaumati District, and are engaged in the ruffian trade, the woman being the proprietress of the establishment and the man, who is 32 years of age, one of her foki.

Shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, Lau On-nam without any warning suddenly stabbed the woman in the back. He then turned the weapon on himself and inflicted a nasty wound to his throat.

Both were rushed to the Kowloon Hospital where they now lie in a serious condition.

**MUKDEN TO HELP
NANKING.****PARTICIPATION IN WAR
ON CANTON.**

Shanghai, June 1. An announcement that the Manchurian Government is to take an active part in the coming military operations between Nanking and Canton is conveyed by a Peking telegram from Japanese sources stating that a large consignment of arms and ammunition, including 20 guns, 10,000 rifles, and 200,000 rounds of ammunition was shipped from Chingwangtao to Nanking during the week-end.

The supply from Manchuria was made following a request by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

The big military conference summoned by Gen. Chang Hsueh-liang with Manchurian and North-Western China commanders has had to be postponed on account of the indisposition of the Mukden leader. It is learned on good authority that the conference is closely connected with the disruption between Nanking and Canton.

Peking newspapers continue to give much prominence to news of the Canton situation.

Official Assurance.

Peking, June 2. Presiding at a big public meeting to celebrate the enforcement of the Provisional Constitution and the anniversary of the State burial of the remains of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen yesterday, General Yu Hsueh-chung, Manchurian garrison commander of Peking and Tientsin, addressed over five hundred Manchurian officials, reiterating the decision of the Mukden Government to support the Provisional Constitution and to urge the Nanking Government to immediately declare war against Canton.

This marks the first official indication by Manchurian officials in pledging their support to Nanking in the dissension between Marshal Chiang and the Cantonese section of the Kuomintang Party.

The Nanking Government is electing new Presidents for the five Yuans following the resignation of the many Cantonese Kuomintang officials and in this connexion the authorities have decided to amalgamate the Ministry for Agriculture, Mining, Labour and Commerce with the Ministry for Industry under Mr. H. H. Kung, a relative of Marshal Chiang. The Civil Affairs Commissioner, Mr. Chu Chi, and the Military Governor, Gen. Chan Tiao-yuan, of the Anhui Provincial Government, have again tendered their resignations. —Renah.

**SELF-DEFENCE
CLAIMED.****ACCUSED SOLDIERS GIVE
EVIDENCE.****PEDDER ST. AFFAIR.**

A complete denial of the allegations made by Chinese detectives in the witness box yesterday, was forthcoming from Privates P. J. Brain and H. J. James, of the South Wales Borderers, when they gave evidence on their own behalf this morning before Mr. Williams, concerning the assault charge preferred against them.

In the opening proceedings yesterday, it was alleged that the two men accosted a Chinese girl, one manhandling her, upon which a Chinese detective interposed, but was struck by Brain, who made an unprovoked attack upon the officer. It was further stated in evidence that the two accused ran away, and were arrested later.

This morning, Private Brain, giving evidence on oath, said he and James, together with another soldier named Booth, left barracks about 6.30 p.m. on the day in question, and after visiting Happy Valley and the Chinese Y.M.C.A., went up Pedder Street. He and James went into the Bluebird Cafe to purchase cigarettes, and on coming out saw the two Chinese girls. The girls spoke to them, and the Chinese detective intervened. Witness got hold of one of the girl's arms and drew her across the pavement upon which the detective pushed witness up against a gate. The man showed willingness to fight, and Brain retaliated in self-defence. He admitted that he hit the detective, but did so in self-defence. He denied that he and James ran away. They were arrested only a few feet away from the scene.

Champion Runner.

Private James corroborated, saying that when he came out of the Bluebird Cafe, he saw Brain and the detective at grips, and he separated them. He did not strike a blow. The detective seemed to want to fight and he and Brain closed in again. Witness denied, as being ridiculous, the Indian constable's story of his running away and being arrested after the constable had overtaken him. He (witness) was the champion quarter-mile and half-mile runner of the Colony, and could easily have escaped if he had been running away. He had served five and a half years with the Regiment, but had never been to India, neither did he know a word of Hindustani. He was therefore being credited with a gift which he did not possess, when it was said that he spoke Hindustani.

The case is proceeding.

**DISCOURTESY SHOWN
AT BANQUET.****U.S. MAYOR LEAVES WHEN
CHAMPAGNE APPEARS.**

Paris, May 26. An awkward incident took place during the reception given today in honour of 21 American mayors visiting Paris in connexion with the colonial exhibition. When in the course of the official banquet the glasses were filled with champagne for the toast to the President of the Republic, the mayor of Los Angeles, Mr. John Clinton Porter, ostentatiously got up from the table and with his wife left the room, audibly protesting against "all these people who are violating the prohibition law." The leader of the American mayors' delegation rose at once and criticised the behaviour of his colleague in a short speech in which he pointed out that President Herbert Hoover during the trip to South America always took pains to conform with the customs of the countries he was visiting.

**SURVEYOR'S MEASURE
STOLEN.****TAKEN FROM MOTOR-CAR
BY THIEF.**

Pleading guilty to a charge of having stolen a surveyor's 100 ft. leather case tape measure, the property of Mr. F. Hamblin, at Boudary Street, Kowloon Tong on June 1, a man named Chan Wong was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Two other boys, Wong Yee and Leung Kun-tuk, were discharged owing to lack of evidence, after a Chinese detective had said that they also were in the same street. Sub-Inspector Chester Woods said the measure was stolen from a motor car. There had been three thefts of the type within the past few months. The first defendant stole the measure, while the two boys kept watch. The first defendant had served a three months' prison sentence recently for house-breaking.

**PARLIAMENT'S
HEAVY TASK.****"DOLE" ENQUIRY
REPORT.****THE GUILLOTINE.**

London, June 1. The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who has spent the Whitnuntide vacation at Lossiemouth, left to-day for Blackpool, where he will open a new Air Park. He will be in London to-morrow for the re-assembly of Parliament. Mr. MacDonald had intended making the journey to Blackpool by air, but owing to unfavourable weather he left Lossiemouth by road.

A heavy programme of business lies before the House of Commons when it resumes its sittings to-morrow.

The Finance Bill, embodying the proposals set out in the Budget Speech and including the scheme for land-taxation, will be the principal measure before the House and it is anticipated that the Government will find it necessary to place the guillotine closure on the Bill and to resort to late sittings to ensure that the session is brought to a finish by the end of July.

Among other important questions that will be before the Commons is that of Unemployment Insurance. It is anticipated that the Interim report of the Royal Commission which has been investigating the whole problem, will be presented within the next few days. Although new legislation based on the Report will probably be delayed until the Autumn, it will probably prove necessary to introduce this session legislation to extend the insurance fund's borrowing powers, which will be exhausted by the middle of July. —British Wireless.

**BRITISH AERIAL
RACES.****HERMES ENGINES MAKE
CLEAN SWEEP.****SATURDAY'S EVENTS.**

Hermes aeroplane engines made a clean sweep of the annual air race from London to Newcastle which was flown on Saturday, according to a cable received in Hongkong by the Far East Aviation Co., Ltd., from Cirrus Aero Engines.

The cable discloses the interesting fact that the first four machines to complete the course were powered with Hermes engines, and the third place was taken by Miss Winifred Brown, holder of the King's Cup, who flew an Avro-Avian. Hermes Mark 11, this machine being similar to V. R. H. A. 12, the property of the Hongkong Flying Club.

First place was secured by Mr. Kennard, flying a Klein. Cirrus Mark 111. Mr. Percival (Hondy, Hermes Mark 11) was second, Miss Winifred Brown (Avro-Avian, Hermes Mark 11) was third, and Mr. Gibson, (Spartan, Hermes Mark 1) came in fourth. The fastest time was put up by Mr. Percival who averaged 147 m.p.h., this being a remarkably fine performance and a great credit to Hermes products.

These engines were again to the fore in the annual race for the Yorkshire Trophy, which was also flown on Saturday. This race was won by a Schneider Trophy pilot, Flight Lieut. Stainforth (Spartan Cirrus 111). Second and third places were taken by a Hondy and a Spartan respectively, both receiving their motive power from Hermes engines.

**ALLOTMENTS OF
SHARES.****EXTENSION OF TIME
GRANTED.**

The Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in the Supreme Court this morning, granted an extension of seven days to the Chung Wo Printing Press Limited, No. 42a, Hollywood Road, for the purpose of filing a return of allotments of shares with the Registrar of Companies.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, instructed by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, made the application on behalf of the Company, when he stated that on or about February 7, 1931, the Company allotted 5,723 shares to various persons but, through inadvertence, a return of the allotments was not filed within the required time. The omission was due to misapprehension on the part of the Directors, who were under the impression that the return need not be filed until after the issue of the share certificates. The position of shareholders and creditors of the Company would not be prejudiced by the time being extended.

**BUFFALO CONTROL
ON SHIPS.****CAPTAIN SAYS LAW IS
ALL WRONG.****HALTERS USELESS.**

Mr. Horace Lo appeared at the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., I.N., on behalf of Capt. Paul Materati, master of the French steamer Tai Poo Sek, who was summoned for arriving in the Colony on June 1 with buffaloes, which were not secured in accordance with the Livestock Import and Export Ordinance.

Mr. Lo said he had been instructed to plead guilty. He understood that the complaint against Capt. Materati was that the cattle were secured through the nose instead of having halters round their necks, but, through his long experience, defendant had found that to secure cattle through the nose was safer than having halters round their necks. On two occasions, defendant found, when he secured cattle by the latter method, that they would start fighting, and when they did so, the ship itself was endangered.

On this particular trip, went on Mr. Lo, the bulk of the cattle carried by the Tai Poo Sek were buffaloes, which were very wild by nature. Capt. Materati therefore had no alternative but to secure them through the nose as it was the only way if his vessel was not to be endangered, in spite of the regulations.

His Worship:—Do you suggest that the wise men who made these Ordinances were ill-advised?

Mr. Lo: In all seriousness, I make this statement after careful consideration. I ask your Worship to take this into consideration and ask you to regard this offence as a very technical one.

His Worship:—How many buffaloes will fight at a time?

Mr. Lo:—I have been instructed to say that they are almost uncontrollable once they start fighting.

Advise that defendant should comply with the regulations, his Worship imposed a fine of \$25.

**A REMEDY FOR
DEPRESSION.****ECONOMIST SPEAKS
HIS MIND.**

London, May 27. "Humanity ultimately will feel like the passengers of an Atlantic liner whose captain has come down from the Bridge and declared that he has lost all control over the movements of his ship and that he is unable to take responsibility for her course."

This disconcerting prediction was made by Professor Gustav Cassel today in a lecture before the Institute of Bankers in London in which he analysed the world economic crisis. No further time, he said, should be wasted in listening to false prophets who, by resisting every endeavour to gain control over the monetary system, have helped to create, intensify and prolong the disastrous economic catastrophe.

Professor Cassel's remedy is that the leading central banks should come together and end depression simply by declaring their intention to supply the world so abundantly with means of payment that no further fall in prices will be possible. As long as the central banks hesitate and, on the whole, take no responsibility for the purchasing power of their money, humanity will be like the Atlantic passengers mentioned above. Defect in the monetary policy of the United States was chiefly responsible for the present crisis, he said.

**RESIDENT'S SUDDEN
DEATH.****MR. L. L. LOPES PASSES
AWAY.**

An old Portuguese resident of the Colony, in the person of Mr. L. L. Lopes, passed away suddenly last night whilst visiting a house in Peel Street together with a friend Mr. F. M. de Silva. He collapsed in the house and was immediately conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital but died before admission.

The deceased was very well-known and highly respected in Hongkong. He was formerly in the employ of the Chinese Maritime Customs from which he recently retired. He was 55 years of age and leaves a widow and a daughter to mourn his death. Mr. A. C. Gomes, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was a son-in-law, his wife having died some months ago, and there are many other relatives of the deceased in Hongkong.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the monument at 5.30 p.m.

**RADIO
BROADCAST****CONCERT PROGRAMME
TO-NIGHT.**

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres today is:—
8.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme of H. M. V. and Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.
8.00-8.21 p.m. Children's Programme.
Nursery Rhymes.

Uncle George's Party. B3194.
Songs "More Very Young" Songs (A. A. Milne and Fraser-Simpson).
George Baker (Baritone). B3178-B3179.

6.21-7.00 p.m. Orchestral.

Medley of Chappell Ballads.
Jack Hyland and His Orch. C1856.
A Hunt in The Black Forest (Voelker).

In A Clock Store (Orth).
New Light Symphony Orch. C1308.
Good Old Dances.

Jack Hyland and His Orch. C1784.
7.00 p.m. Clock Quotations.
7.03-7.17 p.m. Organ Solos.

Yellow Sands (Ewing).
"Neath The Desert Moon (Ewing).
Arthur Meale. B3112.

Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes (Callcott).
Salut D'Amour (Elgar).
Reginald Foort. B3468.

7.17-8.00 p.m. A Concert.

Song-The Lass With the Delicate Air (Arne).
Song-By The Waters of Minnetonka (Licurance).

Mavis Bennett (Soprano). B2453.
Pianoforte Solo-La Petit Ane Blane (Ibert).

Pianoforte Solo-Rococo (Palmgren).
Benno Moisevitich. B492.

Song-Thinking of Mary (Bennett).
Song-Columbine's Garden (Besly).
Walter Glynn (Tenor). B3106.

Violin Solo-Fugue (Ahenaz).
Violin Solo-Dance Espagnole (De Falla-Kreisler).

Fritz Kreisler. 1339.
Song-Might Lak's a Rose (Stanton-Nevin).

Song-Somewhere a Voice is Calling (Newman-Tate).
Frances Alda (Soprano). 1189.

Piano Solo-Dance Exotique (Horowitz-Demeny).
Piano Solo-Paganini Etude in E Flat Major (Liszt-Busoni).

Vladimir Horowitz. 1408.
8.00 p.m. Local time; weather report.

10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.
8.03-12.00 p.m. Relay from the Lee Theatre.

12.00 midnight. Close Down.

**CHINESE ESSAY
CONTEST.****YAUMATI SCHOOL HEADS
LIST.**

Dr. S. Y. Wong, Hongkong University, has made his awards in the second annual Chinese Essay Competition for Kowloon Schools as follows the maximum points being 400:—Yaumati Government School, 360; College of the Sacred Heart, 349; Yeuk Chi School, 335; Ling Lung School, 330; Ying Wa College, 324; Mun Seng College, 319; Kowloon College, 312; Chin Yin School, 306; Nam Chung School, 271; Yeuk Chi (Samshui-poi), 255; Yeuk Chi (Kowloon), 245; Hwa Chan College, 230.

Individual prize winners were:—1st, Li Hin-wa, Mun Seng College; 2nd, Wong Ting-hon, Yaumati Govt. School; 3rd, Tam Sui-ki, Yeuk Chi School.

The examination is held under the auspices of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon Branch, for a silver cup kindly presented by Mr. Fung Keung, who School being represented by a team of four boys.

**POLICE TRIBUTE TO
CONAN DOYLE.****"PRECURSOR OF MODERN
DETECTIVE METHODS."**

Paris, May 5. The name of Conan Doyle is revered at Lyons by the extremely efficient police organisation of that city. A hall in the Lyons police laboratory, which is one of the most advanced in Europe, is named after the father of Sherlock Holmes, and M. Edmond Locard, the chief of the laboratory, does not hesitate to claim Conan Doyle as the precursor of modern detective methods.

M. Locard thinks that it was Conan Doyle's picture of Sherlock Holmes studying mud on clothes, cigarette ashes, and dust adhering to boots that turned Dr. Hans Gross, the Austrian examining magistrate, and one of the best known European criminologists before the war, first to verify alibi by the analysis of dust.

"Conan Doyle," says M. Locard, "was an absolutely astonishing scientific investigator."

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that a feeble anticyclone is central near Shanghai and a depression to the west of Hanoi.



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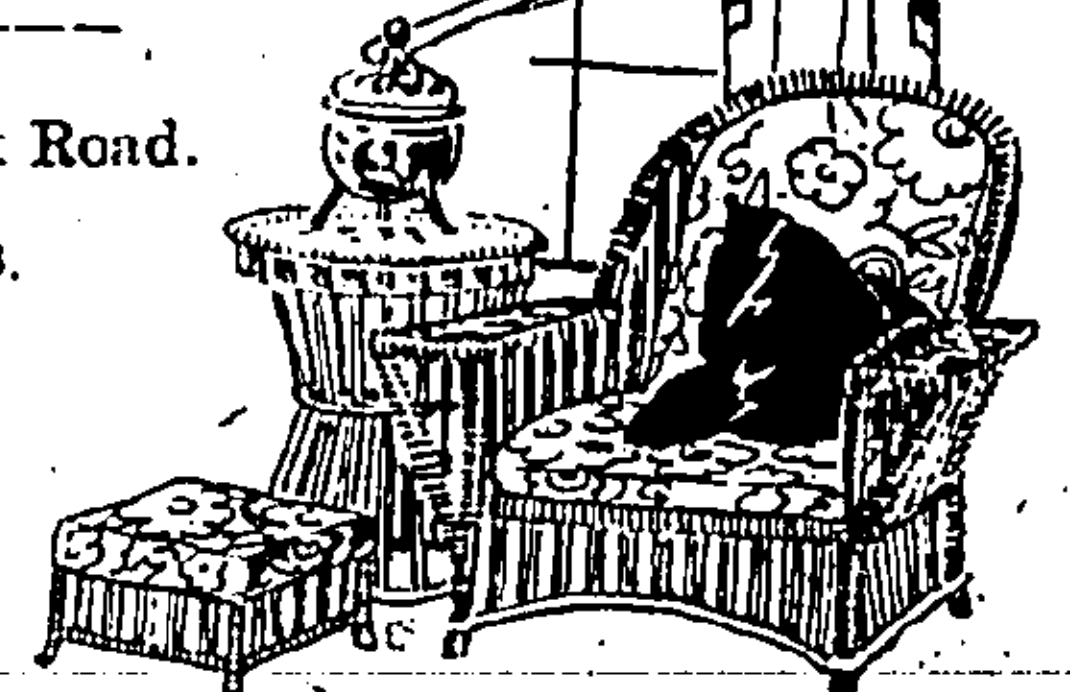
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**BARBER'S CLAIM TO
ROYALTY.****"DEBT" PAYMENT DEMANDED
FROM VIENNA.**

Berlin, May 5. A man, who was until recently a barber in a small way of business in Bratislava, has startled or amused Vienna by proclaiming himself a direct descendant of the Polish elective King John Sobieski, who in the year 1683 freed Vienna from the Turkish armies besieging it, and incidentally was the grandfather of Bonny Prince Charlie.

The former barber, by name Seiff, who maintains that his name was adopted by a descendant of the Polish King when in exile, has not claimed descent from Sobieski merely for the sake of the glory.

In consideration of his services to Vienna the city promised the Polish King a sum of 40,000 ducats which, however, was never paid.

Seiff, with a stack of documents to prove the authenticity of his assertions, claims these ducats, together with the compound interest that has accumulated. He has spent all his savings on establishing his claim, and has long threatened his name to Seiff-Sobieski.



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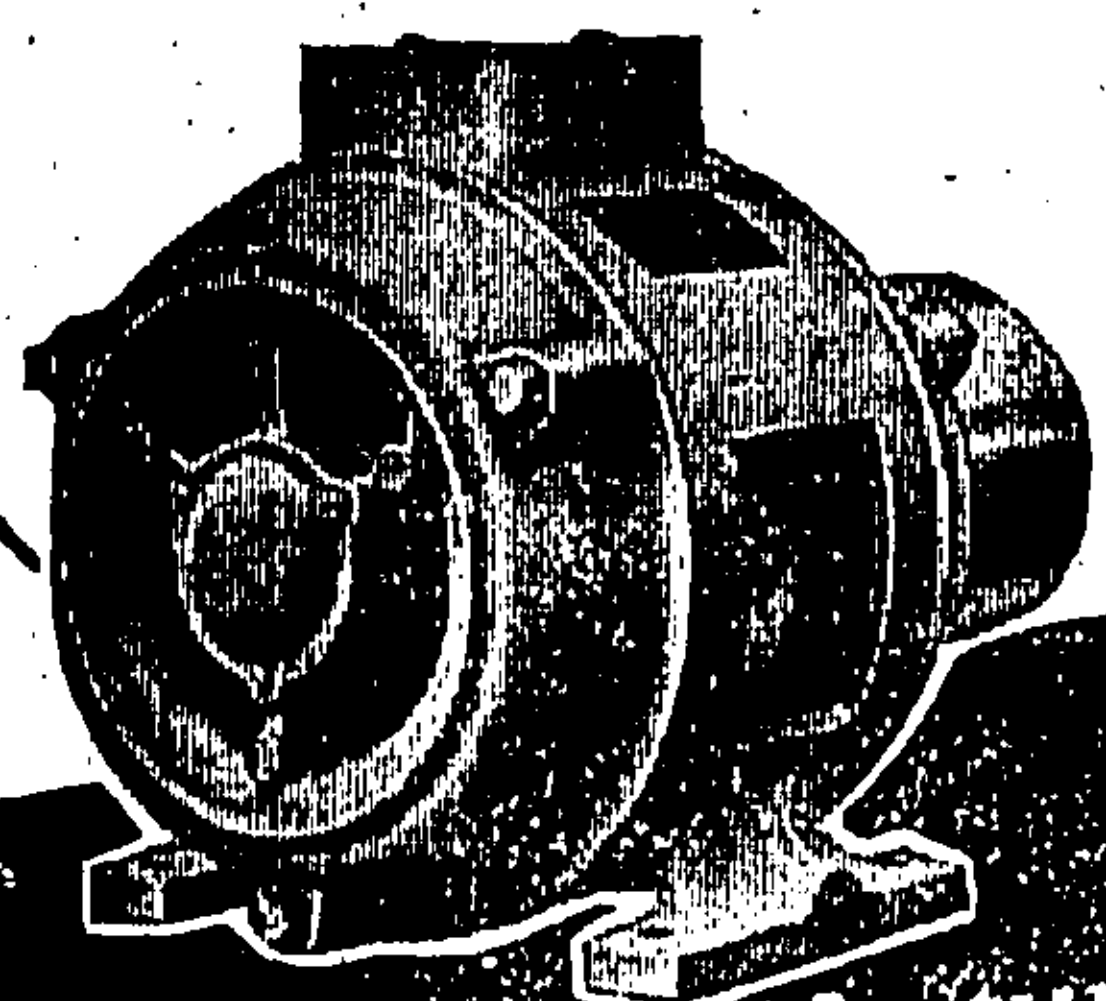
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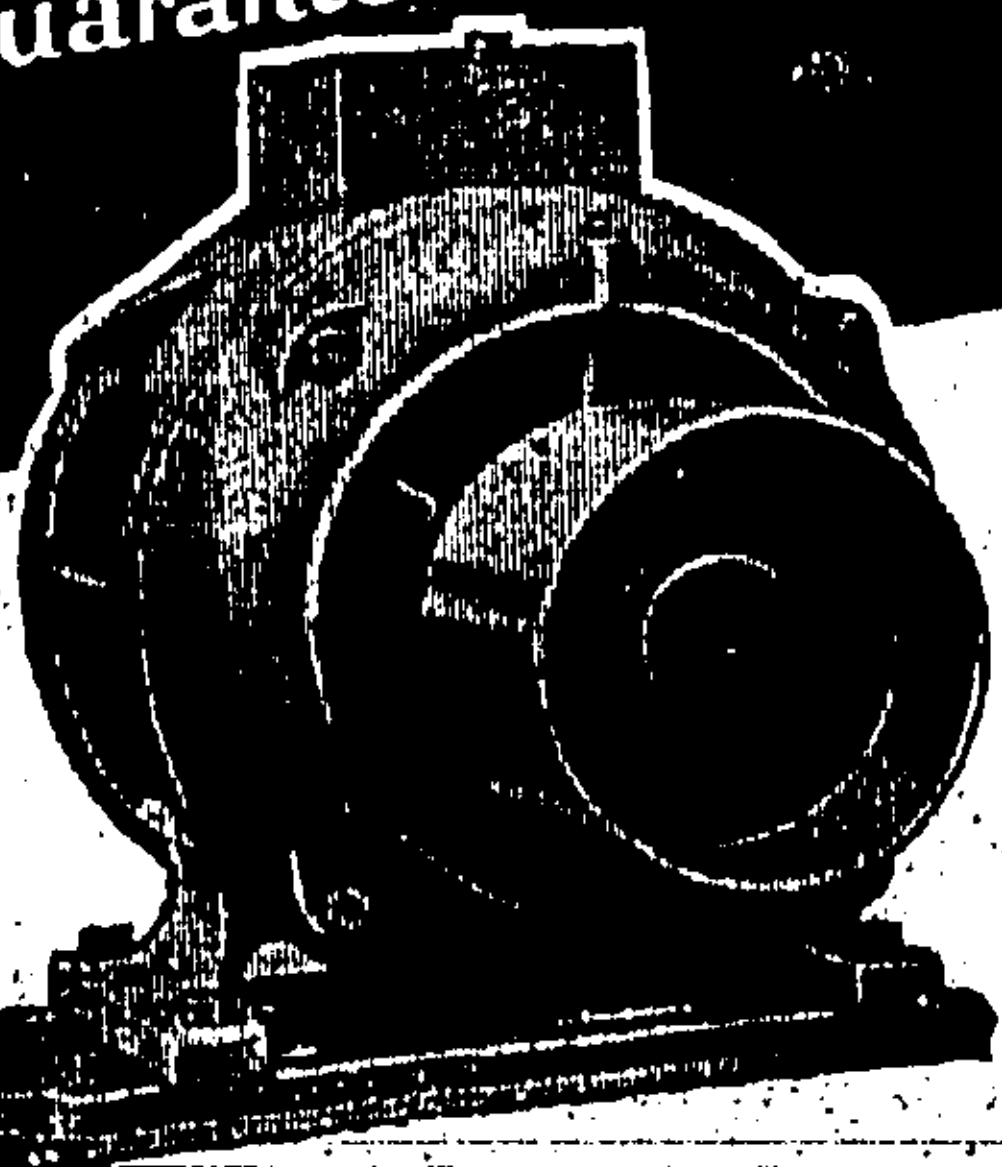
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WATER-POLO LEAGUE.

LOCAL SEASON OPENS WITH
TWO MATCHES.

Although playing against only a six-men team, the Navy gave a sorry account of themselves in the opening game of the water-polo season against the V.R.C. last night. Their many weaknesses indicated lack of practice, and the very few opportunities they had at shooting were badly directed. The V.R.C. left the water winning nine to nil.

Within five minutes of the opening of the game L. Roza Pereira, the V.R.C. forward, was ordered out of the bath by the referee, and when the next goal was scored he declined to return to the water. Under the circumstances, Mr. Weyman had no option but to intimate that he would have to report the matter to the Association.

The wide margin in the scores indicated more the Navy's weakness than the strength of the V.R.C., for the latter were not impressive, although they were never forced to any of the scrabbles, wild dashes for the ball, and much fumbling, with occasional strong shots, and Soares at back, being the only bright spots. Soares stood out in defence, and his accurate and sure handling of the ball was the game's feature.

The goal-throwers were—C. Roza Pereira (3), Lawrence, Remedios (2), L. Roza Pereira and Zimmerman. The teams were: V.R.C.—J. Roza Pereira, Lawrence, Remedios, Knight, Zimmerman, C. Roza Pereira, Soares. Navy—Abby, Wadham, North, Honning, Singleton, Bell, Bennett.

Second Division.

The draw for the second division put the two teams from the V.R.C. against each other. Mr. Gort had charge of the game, which was more in the nature of a friendly match. The "A" team was practically the same as the V.R.C. second division team of last season, and had no difficulty in shining against the junior seven, few of whom had had league experience. The game ended with the "A" team winning eight to two. The sides were:

"A" team—Silva Netto, Victor, Gossano, da Rocha, Maynard, Foraita, Berrux. "B" team—King, Ed da Roza, Alves, McGrann, E. da Roza, Sousa, Montorio.

LAWN BOWLS.

K.B.C.C. TEAMS FOR
SATURDAY.

The following will represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in their League matches on Saturday, both games commencing at 3.30 p.m.:

1st team, v. Club de Recreio (away). J. Rodger, G. E. Sherill, H. H. W. Russell (skip), R. S. Nichol, T. S. W. West, G. E. Roylance, D. J. Warren (skip), S. Eccleshall, G. J. Chambers, E. W. L. Hogbin, L. Guy (skip). Reserve: R. Hall. 2nd team, v. Club de Recreio (home).—H. P. Stoneham, J. S. Logan, W. E. Hale, A. W. Davidson (skip), G. E. F. Thompson, E. D. Labrousse, H. H. Rose, W. S. Drake (skip), F. V. Whittall, J. G. Meyer, A. K. Taylor, F. L. Rapsey (skip). Reserve:—B. Wylie.

GOLF as the STARS play it.



How can one avoid shanking his mushie shot? Explain the cause of a shanked shot.

Failure to keep the hands close to the body is the reason for many a shanked shot. Bobby Jones keeps his hands so close that at times he brushes his trouser legs.

Forcing a mushie to do the work of a three or four iron will cause one to be anxious to hit. This form of pressing can only result in shanking. The mushie shot should be made mainly with the wrists and the forearms.

Most golfers who have little or no freedom of the wrists make up for the lack of wrist action by swaying their body. Swaying with locked wrists causes one to throw the clubhead out beyond its intended path. The best advice would be to loosen up a bit, not only the wrists but all muscles of the body. —ART KRENZ.

TWO KIDNAPPING INCIDENTS.

CASE LIKELY TO GO TO
SESSIONS.

THREE ARRESTS MADE

A serious view is being taken by the authorities of two kidnapping incidents which occurred in Hongkong in March and April and, with the arrest of three men alleged to have been concerned in the affairs, the police are asking for trial, should a *prima facie* case be made out, at the Criminal Sessions.

Two men previously brought before Mr. Schofield in connexion with the affair were remanded until Thursday next and a third man subsequently arrested was this morning charged before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court.

Detective Sergeant Lamont informed his Worship that the two boys whom the men were alleged to have kidnapped were still in the country, but were expected to arrive in Hongkong during the next couple of days. The police wished a short remand until they arrived.

The case would be heard as a committal one, the defendants to take their trial at the Criminal Sessions should the evidence justify it.

The two boys who were kidnapped were stated to be Sam Kai, aged 6, of 110, Queen's Road East, and Lok Chi-kwong, 8 years of age, of 166, Queen's Road East.

The defendant who appeared before Mr. Williams was Kwong Cheung, a gardener living at 31, Lee Gardens Street, and, after being formally remanded by the second Magistrate, he was taken before Mr. Schofield and charged with having returned from banishment after being deported for ten years in October, 1921.

After the facts of the case had been explained to his Worship, the defendant, who had previously returned on four separate occasions, was remanded until Thursday when the other two men concerned will appear before his Worship.

FILIPINO CLUB.

THE REPORT & STATEMENT
OF ACCOUNTS.

The Filipino Club will hold its annual general meeting on Sunday, June 7, at 3.30 p.m.

The report and statement of accounts for the year ending April 30, 1931 states, in part:

Tennis.—The club singles championship was won by Mr. W. J. Howard, with Mr. D. Leonard as runner-up. The singles handicap was won by Mr. L. R. Hildebrando with Mr. D. Bautista as runner-up. The doubles handicap was won by Messrs. L. R. Hildebrando and D. Bautista, with Messrs. P. H. Brown and V. U. Zafra as runners-up. Mrs. F. Gonzalez won the ladies' handicap, with Miss M. Bragan as runner-up. The club entered a team in the 1930 tennis league.

Pingpong.—The club championship was won by Mr. H. A. Ribeiro with Dr. V. N. Alenza as runner-up, while the handicap was won by Mr. C. A. Cunha with Mr. A. E. H. Castro as runner-up.

Baseball.—The club joined the baseball league for 1930.

The accounts for the last twelve months show a profit of \$1,214.25.

Club house repairs and additions have been carried out during the year. The total number of members as at April 30, 1931, was 98, showing an increase of 15 over last year.

The club held during the year its first children's day which proved to be a very successful affair. It is intended to hold a children's day annually for the entertainment of members and their friends.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR
TO-MORROW.

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9.32 A. H. Penn & J. R. Collis.

POLICE AT SPORT.

Sikh members of the Hongkong Police Force met a team of basketball players from the Ace Basketball Club at the Police Compound yesterday and won by 14 points to five. The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector General of Police, and other officials were interested spectators of the match.

A dark cloud hung over the H.M.S. Berwick and Stormcloud crews, the visit to Japan when Able Seaman Morgan died from injuries sustained in a football match between the two cruisers. It appears that Morgan was unavoidably sandwiched between two players in the game and had to be carried off the field. He regained consciousness later and for a time appeared to be all right. Later it was disclosed that he had to undergo an operation from which he succumbed. Morgan was prominent in navy football in Hongkong. He played right wing for the Navy "B" team which won the Hongkong Junior Shield last season.

CINEMA NOTES.

SPECIAL SONG FOR
GRACE MOORE.

Carrie Jacobs Bond, America's best-beloved modern composer, whose "End of a Perfect Day" is a classic in all parts of the world, has made her debut as a composer for talking pictures. Grace Moore, Metropolitan opera and screen star, sings Mrs. Bond's first contribution to the talkies, "Lovely Hour," in her first Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring picture, "A Lady's Morals," a romance based on the life of Jenny Lind, which will come on Thursday to the Queen's Theatre.

The new song is a smooth flowing ballad somewhat of the type of "The End of a Perfect Day," and Miss Moore predicts that it will probably become fully as popular.

Mrs. Bond is one of several famous composers represented in the film. Oscar Straus, composer of "It Is Destiny" and "Bacchante" for the singer, and Herbert Stothart of "The Rogue Song" fame contributed "Oh Why." Miss Moore also sings arias from "Norma" and "Daughter of the Regiment." A Swedish pastiche, as complete as the last musical score, Sidney Franklin directed the new picture with a notable cast. Reginald Denny plays the composer-lover, Brundt, and Wallace Beery appears as P. T. Barnum in the New York episode. Jobyna Howland, Gus Shy, Gilbert Emery, George Marion, Paul Porcasi, Giovanni Martino, Budil Rosine, Joan Standing, Mavis Villiers, Judith Vosselli and other noted screen personalities are seen in the spectacular new romance.

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Shanghai	4.86 15/32	4.86 15/32
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Vienna	55.90	51 1/4
Madrid	817	817
Bucharest	27 1/2	28 1/2
Montevideo	11 1/4	11 1/4
Brussels	34.93 1/2	34.12 3/4
Milan	92.94 1/2	92.94 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16	18.16 1/2
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
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REFUGEES REPORT VERY SERIOUS SITUATION.

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Terrible tales of anti-Indian terrorism are told by refugees pouring in to Calcutta from Burma.

Four hundred refugees, mostly workers, arrived in the mail boat Aronda, and declared that the trouble in Burma is far worse than people in India are aware. Anti-Indian feeling is growing daily. The Burmans in the interior villages and townships are now armed with deadly weapons, and Indians' lives are daily becoming more insecure owing to unprovoked and murderous attacks.

Refugees declare that Indians in Rangoon are rushing for berths aboard ships bound for India, and many Indian merchants are reported to be sending their women-folk home.—*Reuter.*

FURTHER ECONOMY.

SALARY CUT FOR JAPANESE PRIMARY TEACHERS.

Tokyo, June 1.
The Government have decided to extend the salary cut to the teachers in the primary schools who are drawing over 100 yen a month. This cut will become operative on July 1 next, and will affect over 15,000 out of nearly 300,000 teachers.—*Reuter.*

[A message dated May 22 stated that the Cabinet had decided to cut official salaries, a sliding scale being brought into operation on June 1. The maximum reduction would be 20 per cent. The Premier estimated that the reductions would result in a saving of seven million yen in the present fiscal year.]

U.S. SILVER MISSION.

SENATORS ARRIVE AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, June 1.
Senators Tasker Oddie and Joseph Robinson, and Congressmen Gibson and Dowell arrived this afternoon from Manila on the U. S. transport Henderson.

Mr. Tasker Oddie proposes to study the silver question. Senator Pittman is arriving tomorrow from Seattle on the President Jefferson for the same purpose.—*Reuter.*

[Senator Oddie and his party passed through Hongkong last week.]

HOSPITAL ABLAZE.

FIRE IN JAPAN IMPERIAL LIVES OF PATIENTS.

Tokyo, June 1.
The lives of 500 patients were gravely imperilled when a fire broke out in the early hours of this morning at the Kanazawa Hospital. Part of the building was destroyed before the flames could be got under control.

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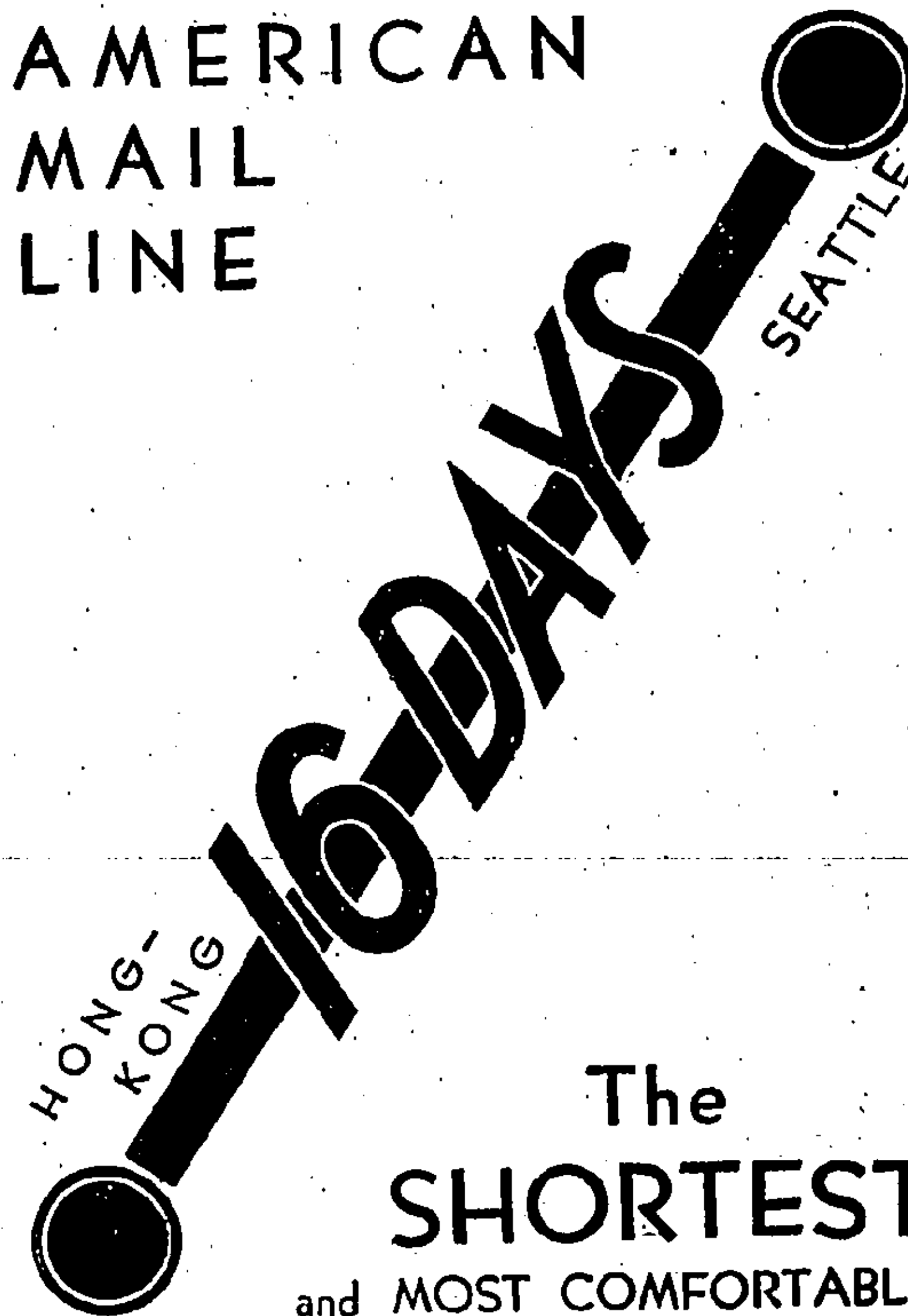
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(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, June 1.
Judge Grain to-day awarded Mrs. Mildred S. Wood the sum of one farthing damages against Dr. A. C. Bryson. The Court costs will be paid by the respective parties.

The action was one in which Mrs. Wood sought the ejectment of Dr. Bryson and the sum of \$1,000 damages for several alleged breaches of a covenant in respect of 64 and 64-A Route Ghisl. The houses were planned by Mrs. Wood with the assistance of an American architect in New York and built in 1923. It was alleged that under the tenancy of Dr. Bryson the premises greatly deteriorated and that doors had been constructed and gates erected contrary to the covenant. Moreover the bathroom had been converted to other uses and this was held to be another alteration. The defendant's answer was a complete denial and a negation that the terms of the agreement were properly stated.

Defendant further denied committing any of the alleged breaches of the covenant and stated, in the alternative, if it be held that he had committed any of the alleged breaches, that about the first week in April, 1930, it was verbally agreed between him and Mrs. Wood that as it was her intention to pull down the house at the termination of the tenancy, he was at liberty to effect any improvements or alterations which would contribute to his comfort, provided he took a lease for three years. After asserting that the agreement was for three years, the answer said the alleged breaches were alterations or improvements which had contributed to his comfort.

Among other things, the answer went on to state that about August 19 last, it was verbally agreed between the parties that if defendant spent any money towards improving the premises, he would be at liberty to make any alterations which would contribute to his comfort.

DIVORCE ACTION.

SHANGHAI DECISION ON PLEA OF DESERTION.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, June 1.
Judge Purdy has granted Mrs. Dell Rex Bush, employed by the Texas Company, a divorce on the grounds of desertion by Irving Beaufort Bush, a resident of Tientsin.

THE YOUNG MARSHAL.

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG ENTERS PEKING HOSPITAL.

Peking, June 1.
Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang entered the Peking Union Medical College hospital to-day.

He is reported to be suffering from fever. His bodyguards have removed to the barracks outside the P.U.M.C. - *Reuter*.

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CAPTAIN ASH ABANDONS THE ATTEMPT.

Tokyo, June 1.

Captain Thomas Ash, who has been preparing for a trans-Pacific flight in Harold Bromley's "City of Tacoma" to-day decided to abandon the flight.

The plane refused to take off with its heavy load of fuel, and lightening her would reduce the fuel to a dangerous minimum. Also the engine was sluggish, not developing sufficient power.

Capt. Ash in a statement says the abandonment is a postponement of his life's ambition. He is convinced that a non-stop trans-Pacific flight is practicable, with a suitable machine, but exhaustive calculations have convinced him that it is impossible with the present plane. He concludes that he hopes to be able to attempt the flight later, in a more suitable machine. - *Reuter*.

WEDDING OF NOTE.

FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT MARRIED IN MANILA.

A wedding of local interest took place in Manila recently, when Mr. James Walker, formerly of the Hongkong office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was married to Miss Margaret Jenkyn-Bell, daughter of Mrs. Jenkyn-Bell, of Rockhampton, Australia.

The marriage was solemnised in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. John, and was one of the most beautiful of the season. The bride and her matron of honour, Mrs. Monty Ellerton, wore imported French frocks of the latest style notes, and in attendance were also Messrs. Monty Ellerton, A.F. Judd, E.C. Richards, W. Beveridge, O. Skinner, H.C.B. Watson, G.A. Main, and H. F. Gourlie, who acted as ushers.

Mr. Arthur Thorpe was best man and Mr. B. C. M. Johnston gave the bride away.

The honeymoon was spent in Baguio, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker are now residing at 410 Avila, Manila. The bridegroom is very well known locally, while his bride enjoys a large circle of friends in Shanghai.

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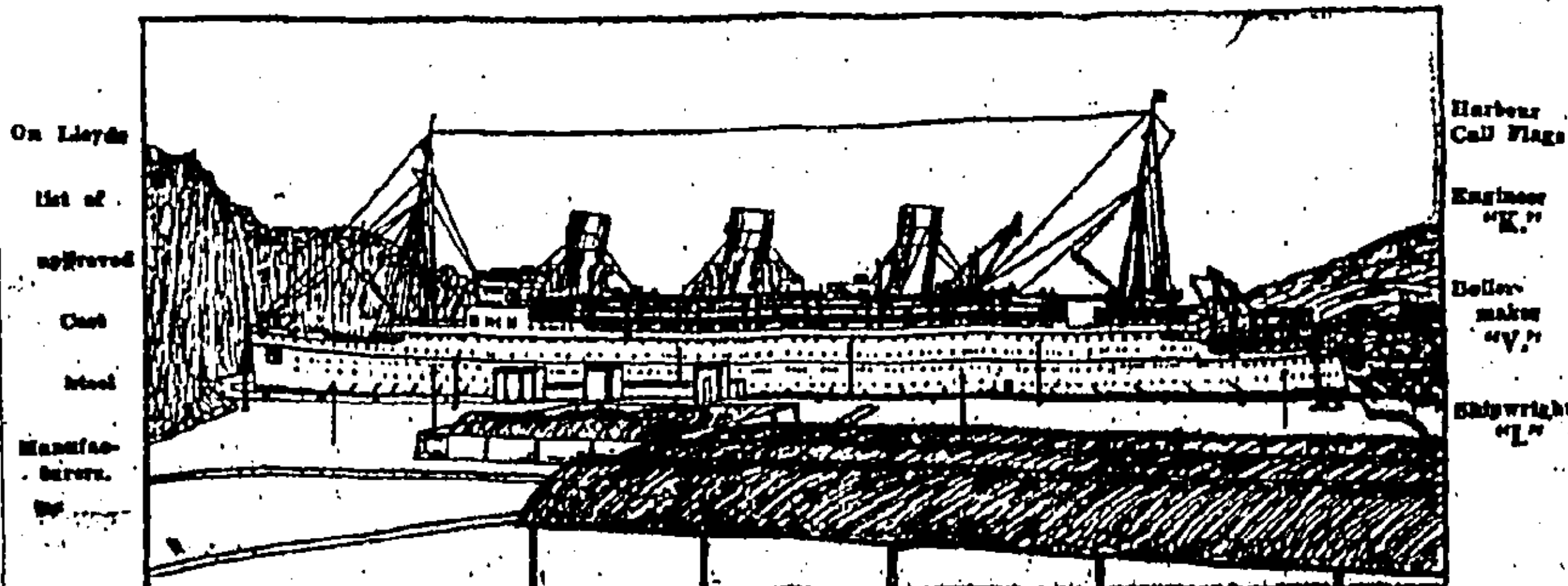
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arrival it was found that the first floor of 24, Matheson Street was well alight. The flames threatened to spread, but the firemen soon extinguished the outbreak and were back in the station again within half an hour. The contents of the first floor of No. 24 and the adjoining house were severely damaged by fire but the buildings were not greatly affected. The houses are of four storeys, and each covers an area of about 50 feet by 45. The ground floor of one of them is used by a tailor, the upper floors of the other house, a general dealers' shop, being used as tenement houses.

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AN 18 MONTHS' MAIDEN VOYAGE.

ANTARCTIC SHIP HOME AGAIN.

WHALE FEEDING.

London, June 1. After a successful maiden voyage in the South Atlantic and the Antarctic lasting for nearly 18 months, the R.R.S. Discovery II has returned to England.

The vessel, which was built expressly for research in Southern waters, and is especially strengthened for ice navigation, can steam for a distance of over 9,000 miles without refuelling.

The object of her investigations is to secure permanence for the whaling industry in the South. Observations have been made on the temperature, salinity and density of sea water, its content of phosphate and nitrate, and other factors controlling the growth and abundance of microscopic plants on which all animal life, even of whales, ultimately depends.

Study has also been made of the drifting life of the ocean, including the small prawn, which in the South forms the exclusive food of blue and fin whales.

Observations made by the Discovery, which has worked in conjunction with the R.R.S. William Scoresby, have been taken throughout two Antarctic summers and over the whole of the South Georgia whaling ground, an area of over 2,000 square miles. Combining her work with that of the committee's other vessels, the Discovery I and the William Scoresby, the grounds about South Georgia have been surveyed in five consecutive seasons.

Industry Setback.

It has been feared for some time that southern whaling operations would greatly reduce the

THE "I'M ALONE" INCIDENT.

U. S. REFUSES CANADIAN CLAIM.

DAMAGES DENIED.

Washington, May 27. The Government of the United States, the United Press was informed to-day, will soon send to the Government of the Dominion of Canada a note denying Canada's claim for damages arising from the sinking by a United States Coast Guard cutter of the rum runner I'm Alone.

The United States will refuse to honour Canada's claim for damages on the grounds that despite her Canadian registry the I'm Alone was the property of an American bootlegging syndicate.

Since March, 1929, when the I'm Alone was pursued and sunk in the Gulf of Mexico the incident has developed into a matter of considerable international importance. The United States claims that the vessel was within boarding distance of the shore as specified in British-American treaties. Canada contends that the rum runner was outside treaty waters and that the United States pursued her illegally when she was beyond one hour's steaming distance from the American shore.

When the United States cutter fired on the I'm Alone one member of the rum runner's crew was drowned. Her captain was carried to New Orleans in irons after his vessel had been sunk.

stock of whales and that the industry would die out.

A temporary setback to the industry has occurred within the last few months, owing principally to over-production, and there will be a very drastic reduction in whaling next season. It is stated that if this interval is wisely used for the development of well-based regulations, it should lead to a renewal of the industry on a scale which will ensure its permanence. —British Wireless.

SOUTH AFRICA CELEBRATES COMING OF AGE

MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION.

London, June 1.

The Union of South Africa is to-day celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of its establishment as a self-governing Dominion within the British Empire.

Messages of congratulation have been despatched by His Majesty the King, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, former Governor-General of the Union, and many others.

The King, in his message to Lord Chamberlain, stated: "To-day we commemorate the 21st anniversary of the establishment of the Union. By that act of wisdom and goodwill, a new and happier era was opened in the history of South Africa. Twenty-one eventful years have already vindicated the faith and foresight of those who laid the foundation of a great nation. I earnestly pray that under Divine Providence, the people of the Union may continue to enjoy the blessings of peace and prosperity."

The Prime Minister, in a telegram to General Hertzog, on behalf of the Government and people of Britain, said:

"The establishment of the Union of South Africa is an abiding example of what can be accomplished by breadth of vision, by a spirit of goodwill and by wise statesmanship. We send to the Union our best birthday greetings for her continued progress and prosperity."

In reply, General Hertzog cabled stating that "your message is very warmly appreciated, the more so because it will be during the currency of its 21st year that the seal will be set on the development of the Union to full nationhood, a happy event to which the wise statesmanship of Great Britain has so largely contributed." —British Wireless and Reuter.

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